

# January

NEW BEGINNINGS - WELCOME TO 2026!

THERE IS SOMETHING WONDERFUL ABOUT A NEW YEAR. AN OPPORTUNITY TO TRANSITION TO SOMETHING FRESH. AN ANTICIPATION, A GIFT TO BE UNWRAPPED. THE SCRIPTURES ENCOURAGE US TO PUT THE PAST YEAR BEHIND US, AND TO EMBRACE WHAT IS YET TO COME. PHILIPPIANS 3 V 12 FORGETTING WHAT IS BEHIND, WE PRESS TOWARDS WHAT LIES AHEAD. WE KNOW THAT THERE MAY BE CHALLENGES, YET THE LORD HAS ALWAYS PROMISED TO BE WITH US IN THEM.

MAY YOU ENJOY A YEAR FILLED WITH THE GOODNESS OF GOD, HIS PRESENCE AND GRACE FOR THIS YEAR.

*“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See I am doing anew thing!”*

*Isaiah 43 v 18*

Thursday, 1 | New Years Day

We thank you Lord for a new day- A new year. For those of us who have endured, help us to form a fresh paradigm and for those filled with gratitude, may we too take a moment to worship, as we transition into 2026.

Friday, 2 | We want to commit all of our hopes, dreams and goals as a movement, into your hands God, for the year that lies ahead. May our walk with you be deep, and filled with confidence in your love.

Saturday, 3 | The month of January is often associated with discipleship. We pray for the follow up of many children and teenagers who attended camps, missions and holiday clubs this holiday season. Help us Lord to be diligent in ensuring that these young people are part of a good local church, and growing in their walk with God.

Sunday, 4 | Scripture Union continues to enjoy a healthy relationship with the local church. SU Eastern Cape in Amatola is especially grateful for their partnership with Gilgal Baptist church through their holiday club in December. Enable us to continue to find ways to serve the local church.

Monday, 5 | We thank the Lord for the Mdantsane Holiday club taking place within the SU Amatola region Eastern Cape. As they commence today, we pray for a powerful impact for this large community. May they find new hope through the message we bring.

Tuesday, 6 | We thank the Lord for the various book tables and churches that have partnered with Scripture Union in getting the Closer to God resource into the hands of many Christian readers. May they hear from God, as they engage with your word and this resource throughout the year.

Wednesday, 7 | Our resource ministry in form of the bookshop, writers and partners, all will pick up from where they left off late last year. We ask for your blessing upon the sales and impact in this space for 2026.

Thursday, 8 | With one more day to go within the SU Amatola Mdantsane holiday club, we pray that the hearts and lives of the children will open to the gospel, and that the leadership team will find new energy and resources to finish strong tomorrow.

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Friday, 9 | Today we invite you to pray for the long standing SU Western Cape Froggy Pond camp, commencing today. We commit Shenick Visser and her leadership team to God, as they minister to 100 young girls from diverse and underprivileged backgrounds.

Saturday, 10 | We are grateful for the opportunity that SU Algoa has with the high schools in their region. Please join us in prayer for the Strelitzia High school Team-Building taking place there today.

Sunday, 11 | We pray especially for Keenan Farquhar the new Regional director of SU Western Cape today. We pray that he will transition well as he takes up the reigns. We ask Lord, that you will raise up many who will support him, in setting him up for success.

Monday, 12 | We trust that the last full day at the SU Western Cape Froggy pond camp will be a significant day for the many campers and leaders. We pray for numerous significant conversations and an openness to Gods word and His spirit.

Tuesday, 13 | We pray that our Froggy pond camp for underprivileged children will end on a good note today. We trust that those who made a commitment to the Lord will grow in their faith. May the girls go in the hope of God, as they transition back to their communities.

Wednesday, 14 | We are praying today for our school's ministry across the country, as our schools reopen today. We lift up every parent and child entering the school system, as well as those who are entering high school for the first time.

Thursday, 15 | We pray for our resources within Scripture Union today. We ask for your provision for each person, region and department. Father God, you know our needs and we bring them before you today, trusting for your hand of blessing and favour.

Friday, 16 | Many of our staff would have returned from annual leave this week. We pray for the blessing of the Lord over our team as they pick up the baton of ministry and function once more. We ask that this year will be a year of great favour for each member of the team, whether full- time or part- time.

Saturday, 17 | Please join us in prayer for the work in SU Gauteng. Kindly remember to pray for Tom Miles as he explores and connects with the local church in the broader Gauteng region. Pray for God's favour to rest upon him with a divine boldness to be a blessing to each minister, fraternal, and connection that he makes.

Many of our SU staff will be travelling to Stoneyridge in Hekpoort today. We pray that they will all arrive safe and sound at the venue for our National Staff Conference.

Monday, 19 | Today is the official start of our SU Staff Conference. It is a significant time as we gather at our Stoneyridge campsite for the next 5 days. Please pray that we will find each other and hear from God.

Tuesday, 20 | As our Staff conference swings into gear, we ask you Lord to help us build unity this week. Bless each of the talks, workshops and especially small group, as they meet to hear from God.

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Wednesday, 21 | We have reached the midpoint of our National staff conference today. We ask for unity and a breakthrough in all of our deliberations today.

Thursday, 22 | Today is the last full day of our SU Staff conference. We pray that you will cement our vision for the future, and provide us with clarity in our focus areas and priorities.

Friday, 23 | Lord we pray that we will end our Staff conference well and on a good note. May the lessons we have learnt this past week, shape our path forward. We pray too for journey mercies as we travel home to our respective regions and homes.

Saturday, 24 | Some of our team may still be travelling today, and thus we pray that each of us will arrive home safely with the lessons learnt to apply and execute. For those who have been apart from their families, may their reconnection be sweet and meaningful.

Sunday, 25 | SU KZN gives thanks the SU Sundays which has been taking place this month and especially the churches they are serving in today. We trust you God for a healthy relationship between the local church and Scripture Union.

Monday, 26 | SU KZN is hosting their first UNITY schools meeting today. We thank you Father for the appointment of Coral Douglas, as she heads up the Independent schools work in this part of our vineyard. Grant grace, wisdom and strength to lead well in this season that you have given her.

Tuesday, 27 | Thank you, Lord, for the campsite ministry. We ask that the camps will begin filling up quickly and that we will enjoy your blessing upon this ministry in 2026.

Wednesday, 28 | We pray spiritually for our people and our movement today. We ask that each will be filled with your spirit as they seek to hear from you and follow God in their ministries. We pray too for our Chaplain and coach in Daryl Henning, that he will be refreshed as he assists and guides us in setting the right spiritual climate and culture.

Thursday, 29 | Please join us in prayer for the SU KZN "Count me in" on this Missions Partners equipping day. We pray that the Lord will prepare our mission partners for the tasks and ministry for the year.

Friday, 30 | We thank you Lord for Trevor Sauls, our SU National chairperson and Mariska de Beer our General director. We pray for good synergy, wisdom and Gods grace to lead us well into the rest of 2026. We pray too for our regional committees and new members as they provide leadership as custodians of our movement. In this light we lift up Pastor Mark Slaughter before you Lord who steps in as the new chair of SU KZN Pietermaritzburg.

Saturday, 31 | We are trusting you for good health for all those involved within our movement. - Healthy bodies, minds, emotions, relationships, and especially healthy spirits, from which to minister for the rest of 2026.